

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 41 without my signature.

This measure would require the Department of Justice (Department) to furnish, upon request, information concerning a person's ownership of any firearms reported to the Department. In addition, this measure would also require firearms dealers and purchasers to provide signatures on extra copies of paperwork prior to the delivery of a firearm. This measure is unnecessary. The Department already provides firearm ownership information upon request and firearms transactions already require more than enough paperwork to ensure proper recordation of firearm transaction information. Indeed, unlike Senate Bills 175 & 449, which I am signing, this measure does not appear to have any discernible benefit; it does not increase public safety, does not improve the business climate for California's firearms retailers, nor does it provide any additional protections for firearm purchasers.

Moreover, it should be noted that Assembly Concurrent Resolution 73 (McCarthy, 2006) required the California Law Revision Commission to submit recommendations to the Legislature on how to reduce the length and complexity of Title 2 (commencing with Section 12000) of Part 4 of the Penal Code, relating to the control of deadly weapons. Senate Bill 41, unfortunately, does not follow any of the recommendations by the Commission and instead exacerbates the current problems with the Penal Code.

I urge the Legislature to forgo enacting additional measures such as Senate Bill 41 until the recommendations of the California Law Revision Commission are enacted.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger